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1. AS REPORTED IN THE BELGIAN PRESS,COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER CHABERT HAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. (EMBASSY SUMMARY TRANSLATION FROM LE SOIR,APRIL 22):

BEGIN QUOTE: MR. CHABERT STATES THAT HE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART,MR. COLEMAN,AND WITH MESSRS. GREENWALD AND HARTMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY VARIOUS PROJECTS RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,IN PARTICULAR THE NEW "METRO" OF SAN FRANCISCO AND AUTOMATIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS.AT HOUSTONG THE MINISTER VISITED A DEEP-WATER SEAPORT PROJECT. HE ALSO STOPPED AT BOEING,WHERE HE DISCUSSED CHIEFLY COMPENSATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THAT FIRM'S AIRCRAFT.
WITH THE US GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES,MR CHABERT HAD DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROBLEM OF AIR TRAFFIC OVER THE NORTH
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ATLANTIC. HE INSISTED ON THE NECESSITY FOR SABENA TO OBTAIN

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A SECOND LANDING POINT,AS IS THE CASE FOR THE COMPANIES OF
OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE MINISTER STATED THAT THE MEETINGS
WERE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE.BY MAY 15 HE WILL SEND TO THE US DEPART-
MENTS OF STATE AND TRANSPORTATION A DOSSIER GIVING THE
LIST OF BELGIAN PRIORITIES (NOTABLY FOR DALLAS,CHICAGO,HOUSTON,
ATLANTA). CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING THE UPCOMING
TRIP TO BRUSSELS OF THE AMERICAN UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE (SIC)
AND AT THE MEETING OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT WHICH WILL
TAKE PLACE IN PARIS THIS JUNE. END QUOTE.

2. THE ARTICLE'S REFERENCE TO A VISIT OF THE UNDERSECRETARY
OF STATE UNDOUBTEDLY RESULTS FROM CONFUSION WITH THE VISIT OF
UNDERSECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BARNUM,WHO WILL SEE CHABERT
ON APRIL 26 WHILE IN BRUSSELS FOR PLENARY OF NATO/CCMS IN BRUSSELS.
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